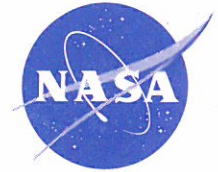


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SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the 2013  
Challenger Center Awards Breakfast on August 14, 2013

On August 14, 2013, Challenger Center for Space Science Education, a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host its 2013 Awards Ceremony at the Crystal City Marriott, Potomac Ballroom, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia from 7:30AM to 9:30AM. This year's ceremony will recognize the recipients of the 2013 Legacy Awards and the prestigious President George H.W. Bush Award. NASA will be a recipient of one of these awards.

The breakfast award ceremony will be attended by Federal officials from various government agencies, Congressional members and staff, media, industry and members of the community. Approximately 100 people have been invited and are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the breakfast, which includes all food and beverages, is \$100 per person.

I find that the breakfast award ceremony meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). The event will provide NASA employees an opportunity to discuss the mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the STEM community participating in the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the Challenger Center, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves from the Challenger Center for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local NASA ethics counselor.

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